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FOR VADM MOORER, INFO VADM TRAIN FROM CHARGE D'AFFAIRES DILLON

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TAGS: MPOL, NATO, TU
SUBJ: UNITED STATES NAVY AIRBORNE MINE COUNTERMEASURES DEPLOYMENT

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1. WE HAVE BROACHED POSSIBILITY OF VISIT BY USS TRENTON
(LPD 14) TO IZMIR, OCTOBER 14 WITH TURKISH MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) BUT HAVE NOT PRESSED FOR RESPONSE FOR
TWO REASONS:

A. NATO REPS HERE HAVE NOTED TO US SEVERAL PROBLEMS WHICH
MAY PRECLUDE ENTRY INTO TURKEY OF THE EXERCISE MATERIEL, E.G.,
CONDITION OF IZMIR (CIGLI) AIRSTRIP MAY PREVENT ITS USE BY
USAF C-5 AIRLIFT; AND

B. OCE FOR EXERCISE (COMEDNOREAST) HAS BEEN WATCHING
EXERCISE PREPARATIONS, AND HE INDICATES THAT HE WOULD BE
ABLE TO COVER REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT AND ARRANGE SHIP VISIT
CLEARANCE UNDER NATO AEGIS PROVIDED PORT VISIT WAS
SCHEDULED FOR DATE CLOSER TO CONCLUSION OF EXERCISE AND
THAT AS A RESULT CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO BRINGING
CARGO LIFTER INTO IZMIR ON OCTOBER 4 VICE OCTOBER 14.

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2. IN OUR INITIAL APPROACH TO MFA, WE WERE ADVISED THAT
PORT VISIT DIRECTLY LINKED TO NATO EXERCISE WOULD
NOT POSE CLEARANCE PROBLEMS. DELAY OF PORT VISIT UNTIL
TEN DAYS AFTER EXERCISE MIGHT RAISE SOME QUESTIONS, HOWEVER.
FROM OUR EXPERIENCE OF LATE, AMONG POSSIBLY PROBLEMS CREATED
BY TEN DAY DELAY WOULD BE ATTITUDE OF TURKISH CUSTOMS THAT

USN SHIPS NEITHER LAND NOR TAKE ON OTHER THAN CLEARLY NATO
CARGO IN TURKISH PORTS.

3. WE ARE PREPARED TO PRESS MFA FOR A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION
OF THESE PROBLEMS AND WILL SUPPORT PORT VISIT REQUEST ONCE
WE ARE ADVISED THAT EXERCISE IS PROCEEDING AND CARGO LIFT
UNDER NATO AEGIS IS NOT FEASIBLE. DILLON

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